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SUBJECT: IRANIAN OIL SHIPMENTS TO AFGHANISTAN SUSPENDED DURING
THE REVOLUTION

REF: (A) KABUL 3810, (B) HAVANA 1227

1. ACCORDING TO REFTEL B, THE MAY 9-13 VISIT TO KABUL BY
'ALI 'ABD AL-SALAMAL-TURAYKI (REFTEL A) MIGHT HAVE INVOLVED
A LIBYAN OFFER TO SELL OIL TO AFGHANISTAN TO REDUCE THE LATTER'S
DEPENDENCE ON IRANIAN OIL.

2. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HOSSEIN DAVOUDI, HIS
GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED THE DELIVERY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR
A FEW DAYS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RECENT AFGHAN REVOLUTION
BECAUSE THE BORDER WAS CLOSED, BUT QUICKLY RETURNED TO A
NORMAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

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3. AFGHANISTAN RECEIVES ALMOST ALL OF ITS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
FROM EITHER THE SOVIET UNION OR IRAN. THE LATTER COUNTRY
SUPPLIES ALMOST EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE AVIATION FUEL USED HERE,
AND THE USSR PROVIDES ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE AUTOMOTIVE
FUEL.

4. COMMENT: IF THE IRANIANS HAD CONTINUED TO DENY FUEL TO THE

AFGHAN MARKET, THE USSR UNDOUBYEDLY WOULD HAVE TAKEN UP THE
SLACK -- A FACT TEHRAN OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERED AFTER DECIDING
THE IT HAD TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME.
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